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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM WITH A RESERVOIR FOR PERFUSION MANAGEMENT

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The MAILING DATE of this communication appear All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RI of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313	(OR REMAINS) CLOSED i or other appropriate comm GHTS. This application is	n this application. If not included unication will be mailed in due cou	rse. THIS				
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James J. Ruttler (Reg. No. 56,919) on July 23, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 now reads as follows:

A device for perfusion management, comprising:

a body portion;

at least one extensible finger coupled to said body portion, the extensible finger being composed of a plurality of retractable segments, the plurality of retractable segments of the extensible finger configured to controllably telescopically extend from the body portion;

at least one reservoir in communication with said extensible finger; a control circuitry coupled to said extensible finger, and/or said body portion; and an array of sensors distributed among the plurality of retractable segments and configured to deploy from controllably openable and/or closable portholes.

Claim 3 now reads as follows:

The device for use in perfusion management according to claim 1, wherein the array of sensors comprise an imager, a pressure sensor, a temperature sensor, a chemical sensor, a gas sensor, an electrolyte sensor, a composition sensor, a concentration sensor, and/or a flow sensor coupled to said extensible finger.

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 35-65 directed to an invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 35-65 been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 4. Claims 6-19 as presented in the response filed July 23, 2009 and in the Examiner's Amendment above are allowed over the prior art of record.
- 5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims in this application have been allowed because the prior art of record fails to disclose either singly or in combination the claimed device for perfusion management comprising a body portion, at least one extensible finger couple to said body and composed of a plurality of retractable segments configured to controllably telescopically extend from the body portion, at least one reservoir, a control circuitry, and an array of sensors

distributed among the plurality of retractable segments and configured to deploy from portholes.

- 6. The closest prior art of record is Lebel et al (2002/0065509 A1), or alternatively Labbe et al (4,944,659), Davison et al (6,296,638 B1), or Adair (6,086,528), in view of Douk (2005/0004553 A1), however these references, either singly or in combination, do not disclose the device as claimed or described above.
- 7. Regarding independent claims 1, the prior art of record fails to teach among all the limitations or render obvious the limitation of an array of sensors distributed among the plurality of retractable segments and configured to deploy from portholes, in combination with the additional limitations discussed above.
- 8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VICTORIA P. CAMPBELL whose telephone number is (571)270-5035. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Victoria P Campbell Examiner, AU 3763

/Nicholas D Lucchesi/ Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3763